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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Joseph M. LaRocca (1909-1996) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cornell University in 1930. In 1934 he entered government service and directed sharecropper assistance programs in Georgia and Florida for the Works Progress Administration. He later worked for the Social Security Administration and served in the Navy during World War II. In 1946 he transferred to the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration where he became an expert in rehabilitation programs for disabled persons. After leaving government service in 1967 he became a consultant for a number of private organizations, such as the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Urban Institute, and the World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF), which helped develop medical and vocational rehabilitation programs in war-torn countries.

The papers of Joseph LaRocca pertain primarily to his interest in vocational rehabilitation programs. The material has been divided into three series. The first series is a subject file containing information on LaRocca's government service and various vocational rehabilitation programs in which he was interested.

The second series is an international file containing correspondence, memoranda and reports on health and vocational rehabilitation programs in underdeveloped countries. Most of the material is dated from 1973 to 1995 and concerns programs sponsored by the IRC and the WRF.

The third series contains reports and publications on a variety of vocational rehabilitation programs which LaRocca had collected during his career. The material is arranged chronologically.

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